

Zero Tolerance for Veterans Homelessness Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 1547, to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Sotomayor Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Thursday, August 6, 2009, and that the time until 2 p.m., be divided equally in alternating one hour blocks with the Republicans controlling the first hour; that at 2 p.m., the time be divided fifteen minutes each as follows: Senator Sessions, Senator Leahy, Senator McConnell and Senator Reid, in that order; provided further, that at 3 p.m., without further intervening action or debate, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thurs-

day, August 6, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8890.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTISM RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine autism research, treatments and interventions, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, and Chair, Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee, Department of Health and Human Services; Geraldine Dawson, Autism Speaks, Charlotte, North Carolina; Josh Cobbs, Iowa Autism Council, Sioux City; Nicole Akins Boyd, Mississippi Autism Task Force, Oxford; David H. Miller, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale; and Dana Halvorson, BEAT—Biological Education for Autism Treatments, Ankeny, Iowa.

CREDIT RATING AGENCIES REGULATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to enhance the regulation of credit rating agencies, after receiving testimony from Michael S. Barr, Assistant Secretary for the Treasury for Financial Institutions; and John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, Lawrence J. White, New York University Stern School of Business, Stephen W. Joynt, Fitch Ratings, James H. Gellert, Rapid Ratings International, Inc., and Mark Froeba, PF2 Securities Evaluations, Inc, all of New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dennis F. Hightower, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Robert S. Adler, of North Carolina, and Anne M. Northup, of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, both to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1078, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and